

Educational Department

Conducted by County Superintendent Crocker.

School Notes.

Dawson School Notes.

The pupils of the intermediate room are very much interested in their raffia work. From the sale of match safes, picture frames and hair receivers during the holidays, they realized the sum of three dollars.

Tuesday afternoon, February 2, the ninth grade of the Verdon schools were very welcome visitors at our high school. For all concerned such visits are pleasant and profitable.

Much interest is taken in the debating society this winter and the pupils begin to show the result of this kind of training.

All our pupils who were down with the measles are well again and back to their places.

The sixth and seventh grades will study Longfellow's life and poems this month. Much pleasing work has been done along this line by these grades and reading is receiving a special impetus as a result.

The seventh grade's progress in Longwell's grammar is especially gratifying as they will finish the advanced book this year; this grade has also finished Walsh's arithmetic, book 1.

Preston School Notes.

We are still having measles in our school and our attendance is greatly interfered with; however we are getting along very well and pupils are showing much interest in their work.

Next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock our Literature club will give a free entertainment celebrating Lincoln's birthday.

We have a strong eighth grade they are doing nobly.

The schools in districts 2, 20 and 91 will close next week.

The school in Dist. 51, Prof. C. M. French, teacher, reports a total enrollment of 94.

Miss Ethel Kieler will represent the Verdon high school in a county high school debate. Miss Doras will represent the Stella high school.

The Pathfinder is being used as a text in the advanced classes in Dist. 45. Supt. Greenwood of Kansas City commends the idea of having a newspaper class.

Dist. No. 5, Miss Myrtle Robinson, teacher—Friday, February 5, completed our fifth month of school. Though our school is small the pupils seem interested and I enjoy my work. We are

preparing to entertain the parents on Monday afternoon, February 22. Our invitations are written on hatchets and cherries.

Dist. 61 reports that they have raised \$16.60 for library books. Prof. Olivar will give about 10 of his pupils an examination soon using regular second grade questions.

Dist. No. 15, Miss Minnie M. Hudson, teacher—No pupils have been absent this month. We are determined to win the first attendance prize each month, since we are already entitled to two.

The school in Dist. No. 94, just southwest of Preston, has been closed for at least two weeks on account of diphtheria being in the district. Mrs. Deckinger, a patron of the school, died with this disease last Sunday.

Dist. 83, Chas. Stump, teacher—Our school gave a basket supper a few weeks ago and cleared \$6. With this money we have purchased fourteen library books. The pupils are delighted with them. We have five weeks of school yet.

The Turner Art exhibit will be given in Humboldt February 10 to 13, under the auspices of the Humboldt high school.

The Humboldt High School Literary Society has been a great success this year. The debaters are hard at work on the Panama question.

Remember that the next meeting of the S. E. N. F. A. will be held in Beatrice March 30, 31 and April 1. State Supt. Stetson of Maine will be with us. Prof. Hoff will present the subject, "Present Tendencies in Mathematical Teaching" and Miss Grace Miner will present the subject, "Value of Classical Myth in Primary Work." Most of our village schools will have their regular spring vacation at this time which will give the teachers a chance to attend this Beatrice meeting.

Let every teacher and pupil remember that Arbor Day will soon be here. Of all the holidays to be observed in the public schools of our state, this one should stand pre-eminent, because Nebraska is the mother of Arbor Day, and because the day in addition to its perpetuation of high and noble sentiments, has so much practical value in the results of its observance.

In making plans for Arbor Day, however; let us not forget

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the other days. The practical use of these days is that they give us opportunity to teach true patriotism and to implant higher ideals together with a desire for emulation in the minds of our boys and girls. The aesthetic principle involved is the proper recognition of the good and great. While we do not advocate that elaborate programs should be prepared for each day in our calendar of holidays, yet we do ask that each be recognized by some exercise. Each teacher has been given a copy of "Special Day Programs" and these should be used.